

**HIGHLAND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, August 27, 2008**

The Highland Redevelopment Commission ("RC", "Commission") met in Study Session on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, at 6:40 PM in the Council Chambers within the Municipal Building at 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana. The Study Session was called to order by Commissioner Adam Gawlikowski. The minutes were prepared by Cecile Petro, Redevelopment Director.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners present on silent roll call included Brice Johnson, Dominic Noce, Greg Kuzmar, Jim Kessler and Adam Gawlikowski. Also in attendance were Economic Development Commissioner George VandeWerken and Redevelopment Director Cecile Petro.

General Substance of the Study Session

1. Review and discuss presentation by the Northwest Indiana Development Group LLC to the Town Council on August 18, 2008

Commissioners discussed the presentation to the Town Council by the Northwest Indiana Development Group LLC. This development group would like to become the Master Developer for the Redevelopment Area. The Commission discussed the benefits of a Master Developer for the Area and reviewed and commented on the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as prepared by the Director. Ms. Petro stated that the RFQ has been sent to Attorney Green-Fraley and financial consultant, Cender and Company for their review before it is sent to developers.

2. Update on business attraction and expansion in Highland

The Director updated the Commission on various business efforts throughout the town.

3. Loan to Hammond Redevelopment Commission

The Director stated that she has contacted the Hammond Redevelopment Commission regarding the August 2008 interest payment that is due for the loan. Commissioners would like the Director to issue an invoice to Hammond.

4. Plaza Lane's sign

Ms. Petro informed the Commission that Plaza Lanes located at 8101 Kennedy Avenue may request the Commission's support before the BZA in their quest to refurbish their sign. President Gawlikowski asked to have this discussion delayed until the next meeting.

The Study Session was adjourned at 8:22 PM.